resume consultations with India in June, 1997. India has been invited to present a plan for elimination of quantitative restrictions under Balance of Payments cover at that meeting. In preparation for this meeting, inter Ministerial discussion and consultations with trading partners are taking place.

Decline in Investment by U.K.

6578. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether British investment in India has declined sharply despite a number of high-powered visits to India by British businessmen;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details regarding its trend during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The total amount of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) approved from U.K. from 1991 to March 1997 is as under :-

Year	Amount of FDI Approved (Rs. in Million)
1991	321.00
1992	1176.70
1993	6227.30
1994	12991.50
1995	17258.60
1996.	15245.99
1997 (upto March)	24529.41

Investment approvals from U.K. companies have been increasing steadily in the last 6 years except in 1996, when investment from UK declined by 11.60% from the approvals granted in 1995. However, only during the first three months of 1997, the FDI approved from UK has exceeded the highest amount approved in any single year in the last 6 years. UK is the second largest investor country of FDI in India after USA.

Legal Services

6579. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Legal Services Authorities Act of 1987 which makes free legal services a statutory right for poor undertrials has failed to fulfil its objectives;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the manner in which the Government propose to uphold its pledge of judicial assistance to the weaker sections of the society and what initiative it is taking to ensure that legal aid and service is a sine qua non ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The legal services under the Legal Services Authorities Act, *inter alia*, are available to undertrials. The criteria for giving legal services is contained in section 12 of the Act which is as under :-

"12. Every person who has to file or defend a case shall be entitled to legal services under this Act if that person is–

(a) a member of a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe;

(b) a victim of trafficking in human beings or begar as referred to in Article 23 of the Constitution;

(c) a women or a child;

(d) a mentally ill or otherwise disabled person;

(e) a person under circumstances of underserved want such as being a victim of a mass disaster, ethnic violence, caste atrocity, flood, drought, earthquake or industrial disaster; or

(f) an industrial workman; or

(g) in custody, including custody in a protective home within the meaning of clause (g) of section 2 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, or in a juvenile home within the meaning of clause (j) of section 2 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 in psychiatric hospital or psychiatric nursing home within the meaning of clause (g) of section 2 of the Mental Health Act, 1987; or

(h) in receipt of annual income less than rupees nine thousand or such other higher amount as may be prescribed by the State Government, if the case is before a court other than the Supreme Court, and less than rupees twelve thousand or such other higher amount as may be prescribed by the Central Government, if the case is before the Supreme Court :